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Credentials of representatives to the special session of the General Assembly

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chair: Mr. Jan **Kickert** (Austria)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 19 April 2016, the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 28 of its rules of procedure, appointed a Credentials Committee for its thirtieth special session consisting of the following Member States: Argentina, Austria, Barbados, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation, South Africa and the United States of America.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 20 April 2016.

3. The Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, Jan Kickert, was unanimously elected Chair.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 19 April 2016 concerning the credentials of representatives of Member States to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly.

5. As indicated in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister of Foreign Affairs as required by rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly had been submitted by the following 55 Member States in respect of their representatives to the thirtieth special session of the Assembly: Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Bahamas, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Chile, China, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Namibia, Nicaragua, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation, San Marino, Senegal, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam.

6. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly had been communicated to the Secretary-General, by means of a facsimile communication from the Head of State or Government or the Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by means of a letter or note verbale from the Permanent Mission

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concerned, by the following 84 Member States: Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brunei Darussalam, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Cyprus, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Georgia, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Maldives, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Myanmar, Netherlands, New Zealand, Oman, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay and Vanuatu.

7. As indicated in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, the following 31 Member States had not communicated to the Secretary-General information regarding their representatives to the thirtieth special session, but had previously expressly empowered their permanent representatives to represent their respective States in all organs of the United Nations without limitation as to the session: Belize, Benin, Central African Republic, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Guyana, Jordan, Kiribati, Lesotho, Mauritius, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mozambique, Nauru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Tonga, Uganda, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Zimbabwe.

8. The following 23 Member States have not submitted credentials or information to the Secretary-General falling within the above categories: Belarus, Brazil, Burundi, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu and Zambia.

9. The Chair recommended that the Committee should accept the credentials of the representatives of all the Member States mentioned in the memorandum by the Secretary-General, on the understanding that formal credentials for the representatives of the Member States referred to in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the present report would be communicated to the Secretary-General as soon as possible.

10. The Chair proposed the following draft resolution for adoption by the Committee:

The Credentials Committee,

Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly of the Member States referred to in the memorandum of the Secretary-General dated 19 April 2016,

Accepts the credentials of the representatives of the Member States concerned.

11. The draft resolution proposed by the Chair was adopted without a vote.

12. The Chair then proposed that the Committee should recommend to the General Assembly the adoption of a draft resolution entitled "Credentials of representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly" (see para. 14). The proposal was adopted without a vote.

13. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the General Assembly.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

14. The Credentials Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Credentials of representatives to the thirtieth special session of the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Credentials Committee[1] and the recommendation contained therein,

Approves the report of the Credentials Committee.[1]

[1] A/S-30/5.